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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 125, 278, 279, 308, 309, 323, and 324 have been amended. Claims 139-153 and 292-306 have been cancelled. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-123. (Cancelled)

124. (Previously presented) A method for using a portable scanning device for acquiring information associated with codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquiring information associated with the scanned code, wherein the acquired information comprises an upcoming schedule of use of equipment associated with the code; and

scheduling the use of the equipment.

125. (Amended) The method of claim 124 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at [[the]] a docking station via an output device at the docking station.

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126. (Original) The method of claim 124 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

127. (Original) The method of claim 124 wherein the information is acquired via a wireless path.

128. (Original) The method of claim 127 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

129. (Original) The method of claim 127 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

130. (Original) The method of claim 127 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

131. (Original) The method of claim 127 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

132. (Original) The method of claim 124 wherein the information is acquired via wired means.

133. (Original) The method of claim 132 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

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134. (Original) The method of claim 132 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

135. (Previously presented) The method of claim 124 further comprising verifying a specific user of the equipment based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

136. (Previously presented) The method of claim 124 further comprising allowing the user to specify a time range for the use of the equipment.

137. (Original) The method of claim 124 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

138. (Original) The method of claim 124 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

139-276. (Cancelled)

277. (Previously presented) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

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scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire information associated with the scanned code, wherein the acquired information comprises an upcoming schedule of use of equipment associated with the code; and

schedule the use of the equipment.

278. (Amended) The system of claim 277 further configured to present the acquired information to ~~[[a]]~~ the user at ~~[[the]]~~ a docking station via an output device at the docking station.

279. (Amended) The system of claim 277 further configured to present the acquired information to ~~[[a]]~~ the user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

280. (Original) The system of claim 277 wherein the information is communicated via a wireless path.

281. (Original) The system of claim 280 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

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282. (Original) The system of claim 280 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

283. (Original) The system of claim 280 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

284. (Original) The system of claim 280 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

285. (Original) The system of claim 277 wherein the information is communicated via wired means.

286. (Original) The system of claim 285 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

287. (Original) The system of claim 285 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

288. (Previously presented) The system of claim 277 further configured to verify a specific user of the equipment based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

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289. (Previously presented) The system of claim 277 further configured to allow the user to specify a time range for the use of the equipment.

290. (Original) The system of claim 277 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

291. (Original) The system of claim 277 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

292-306. (Cancelled)

307. (Previously presented) A method for using a portable scanning device for acquiring information associated with codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquiring information associated with the scanned code; and

scheduling the use of a facility associated with the code.

308. (Amended) The method of claim 307 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at

[[the]] a docking station via an output device at the docking station.

309. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

310. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 wherein the information is acquired via a wireless path.

311. (Previously presented) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

312. (Previously presented) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

313. (Previously presented) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

314. (Previously presented) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

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315. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 wherein the information is acquired via wired means.

316. (Previously presented) The method of claim 315 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

317. (Previously presented) The method of claim 315 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

318. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 further comprising verifying a specific user of the facility based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

319. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 further comprising allowing the user to specify a time range for the use of the facility.

320. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

321. (Previously presented) The method of claim 307 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

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322. (Previously presented) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire information associated with the scanned code; and

schedule the use of a facility associated with the code.

323. (Amended) The system of claim 322 further configured to present the acquired information to [[a]] the user at the docking station via an output device at [[the]] a docking station.

324. (Amended) The system of claim 322 further configured to present the acquired information to [[a]] the user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

325. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 wherein the information is communicated via a wireless path.

326. (Previously presented) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

327. (Previously presented) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

328. (Previously presented) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

329. (Previously presented) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

330. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 wherein the information is communicated via wired means.

331. (Previously presented) The system of claim 330 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

332. (Previously presented) The system of claim 330 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

333. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 further configured to verify a specific user of the facility based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

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334. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 further configured to allow the user to specify a time range for the use of the facility.

335. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

336. (Previously presented) The system of claim 322 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.